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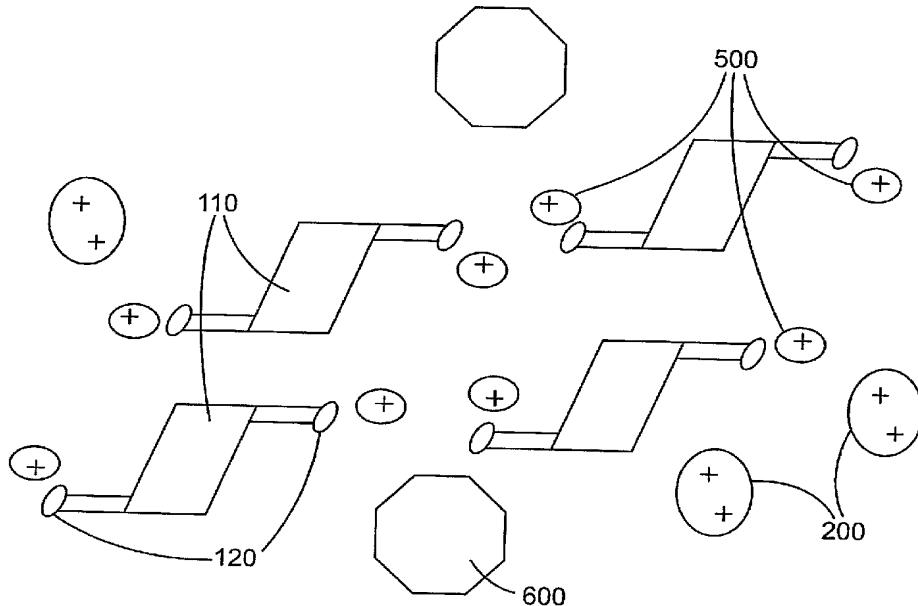
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(57) Abstract: The invention comprises compositions and methods useful for encapsulation and controlled release of guest molecules, such as drugs. Compositions of the present invention comprise a matrix comprising molecules that are non-covalently crosslinked by multi-valent cations, wherein the molecules that are non-covalently crosslinked are non-polymeric, have more than one carboxy functional group, and have at least partial aromatic or heteroaromatic character. The compositions are characterized in that a guest molecule may be encapsulated within the matrix and subsequently released.



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